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SUMARY

The Catatumbo And what follows

When unemployment Catatumbo farmer, who has more than a month and a balance of four peasants killed and about 20 injured by the repressive force, has joined the small miners strike, which in its first day (17 July) balance left two miners dead.

As with the peasants of Catatumbo, the response of Juan Manuel Santos to the miners has been to reduce the protest to a problem of public order and repress. It focuses government rhetoric, despising the legitimate demands of the peasants and miners, stigmatizing and labeling them as infiltrated by the insurgency, creating an environment in opinion, conducive to violent repression.

The treatment that the government gives to the social protests - ie no weapons policy of the popular sectors, is the real political laboratory that defines whether there really is a desire for peace by the establishment.

Santos protesters applied the same formula applies to the insurgency, to the peasants and miners are required to stop the protests and blockades and then discuss the content or list of demands, the insurgency will require to disarm and demobilize and then talk about political change.

Ignore the government that farmers and miners had to resort to strikes and blockades after exhausting the institutional and bureaucratic to get the government to meet their demands, ie, the protest has been a last resort.

Social protest, the road takes pressure is the mechanism that remains for social movements. It is thanks to this that the government pays attention.

As ELN, have insisted that in Colombia the day can make a real political opposition to the regime, without running the risk of falling victim to violence terminator state or para-state, the guerrillas would be meaningless and in those circumstances would exist by force of reality itself.

But the reality is different, the armed uprising of important sectors of the revolutionary youth occurs precisely because in Colombia opposition politics has historically been precluded by the oligarchy.

Behind the rhetoric and the government's position, are the commitments to big business, with mining companies, which has promised national territories with extensive guarantees and security for investment.

The August 19 Dignity Movement protests Coffee restart at the failure of the government of the agreements signed in March. What is the government's response to this protest? Will play the same script? With farmers and miners?

Other popular and social expressions, are ready for new days of struggle and the Santos government has no other option than savage repression.

That is what characterizes a government that made its permanent peace rhetoric.

Jorge Mario Castro Mejia

Dialogue with conditions?

We have been clear to raise the urgency and contribute to build a policy of peace through dialogue and Political Solution to the social and armed conflict in the country for over 50 years.

We are insurgent forces that has stood and fought always looking for support and accompany the struggles and organization of the people and the nation in favor of the changes demanded by the majority.

In the moments when we dialogue with the government in power, we have argued that it is essential that such efforts have mutual recognition, given that we are two opposing forces that we planted in order to seek peace.

In the course of these dialogues, governments and the mass media have been repetitive in that the insurgency must make unilateral gestures of good will, as an expression of wanting peace.

We are in favor of such requests consider a condition to the extent that the same requirement is not for the government. But in addition, where the insurgency has been willing, both the government and the mass media have interpreted as weakness and that management has worn this figure so that it is disabled.

Today when this claim persists, we must state the following:

The Colombian was who imposed laws of capital with its inequalities, poverty and exploitation of the majority for the benefit of a few rich and Transnational Corporations by political exclusion, violation of human rights, political persecution and criminalization of social protest are, among others, the causes that are fed the social and armed conflict.

The dirty war and state terrorism have been systematic policies for decades. Successive governments have resorted to legal and illegal action when repress and silence the voice of the people, to truncate the possibilities of change and transformation in the country.

More than 5 million displaced, 1982 massacres in the past 50 years, committed by paramilitary and military, the vast majority, over 25 thousand missing is a painful testimony of government policies.

Could not we make it a condition to start a dialogue, to return the displaced? not just a piece of land but with full guarantees providing other conditions that fully repaired.

We could also argue that appear on these missing and 1982 massacres have truth, justice and reparation or at least that the government pledge his word to start a real investigation.

ELN
Siempre junto al pueblo

We believe however, that all matters to be discussed and resolved, are precisely the issues of a table and no condition for this is established.

The accumulation model locomotives for "the prosperity of the capital" of the government of Juan Manuel Santos, is to allow the looting of Transnational Corporations coal, gold, petroleum, nickel, cobalt and tungsten among others, to replace the agricultural crisis coffee, corn, rice, cocoa, potatoes, and everything that FTAs have ruined the Colombian industry and agriculture, to this barbaric and its consequences is that we call social and humanitarian crisis. In this context, the struggle for a new nation grows and continues. With or without dialogue repression remains and grows.

Large-scale mining, out of being a plunder, brazen theft is the nation which has generated huge wave of protests that grow every day. The solution for Santos and his cabinet is to increase his foot force counterinsurgency battalions, battalions energy and quotas riot squads criminals.

One of the flags ELN fight is to defend national sovereignty, in that direction has taken action force and supporting popular struggles to confront the traitorous policy of the different governments, denouncing them have dire consequences for the nation and propose a sovereign policy in the management of natural resources and energy, and defense of ecosystems and biodiversity.

The Common Good or Good living is the aim of democratic governments in the continent, while in Colombia, the oligarchy has been able to manage the war with their privileges at the expense of the misery and hunger of the majority.

In Colombia for many decades envolató the oligarchy will the be the national country, we are a country of cities and regions where most of the population is denied their basic rights and are unaware as a citizen, because that is urgently seeking to build among the entire national community, a new country that is governed by the law of the majority.

The "law" of oligarchy, as elite minority can never be the "law" for the majority, we should legislate a vocation and direct popular participation; overcome political exclusion involves changing the outline and methodology called democracy representative made crisis in bourgeois democracies.

Colombia is one of the most unequal countries and shysters, each time reforms are made to accommodate the whims and oligarchic privileges and justify the war against the political opposition.

It is within this context that Santos told the military: "The victory is peace"

The ELN recognized the application of IHL since the mid-80s, Protocol II on Internal Conflicts, many years before the state mentioned it, it does not apply them.

We stressed the need for the Humanization of War, which means agreeing on the most cri-

tical standards the course of the war, as assumed by not walking the cliff, which was what I did not measure the state, paramilitaries and linked solicitation drug trafficking.

Most Colombians require deep changes and transformations which led to an armed uprising and remain in effect, however, the government has repeatedly stated that a dialogue on the economic model will no agenda item, this position demonstrates the order not to affect the interests of the ruling class in the country and continue to maintain the system privileges of the rich, the exploitation of the working class and the country delivery to transnational capital.

Meanwhile all the conditioning that Santos rants, reveal the government's unwillingness to agree to substantive changes. The government is committed to an agreement form, without going to the essence of the problems that caused and deepened the conflict.

The government has devised a scheme that seeks peace and insurgency will accept. He likes confidentiality but runs riot by making public what suit you, seek peace increased military operations, refuses to agree to a bilateral ceasefire, but if you intend to renounce insurgency their actions, ie a process wants with broad benefits for the facility.

A serious problem on the road to peace is that the state does not have a policy of peace and this leads to officials at will shift handle this delicate matter and in the process exclude the contributions of society today as yesterday Santos for other governments, peace is disarmament, demobilization of the guerrillas, without any structural changes.

All this joined the barbaric and criminal method used by the state against the people mobilized, said popular anti vision that governs and seeks to solve the serious problems of the country.

We reiterate our willingness to talk and dialogue based on mutual respect, without conditions, any topic, country's agenda will be built and will be an important part of her needs that communities demand yesterday and today.

Samples *[Release N.8]* Canadian Goodwill

Yesterday's news that the Canadian company announced Braewal Mining Corporation, are returning two of the four titles miners, who had stripped to their rightful owners, communities South of Bolivar.

This gesture of goodwill Day nears release VP of exploration, Canadian geologist Jernoc Wobert, preventively detained by our guerrilla forces in the gold mine Mud house, since 18 January.

Maintain the decision to find a negotiated solution to this problem and hopefully soon be resolved so that the Canadian citizen may return to the bosom of his family.

The military situation in southern Bolivar remains critical for operational military and paramilitary forces Santos government.

They have received many paramilitary troops near the village of Puerto Lopez, after the attack that we made on May 25. Reinforcements arrived from southern Córdoba, in trucks that passed through the checkpoints of The Secluded, Caucasia, Port of Spain, Angostura Bridge over the river Nechí and Catfish Army Battalion. Settle in Malena, the confluence of rivers Catfish and Tigui and Puerto Lopez himself.

Last night Front guerrilla units Dario Ramirez Castro, attacked with explosives paramilitary base, located in La Pesquera, in the town of San Pablo, south of Bolivar.

Public opinion denounce military deployment and paramilitary forces do government, in seeking military rescue Canadian geologist.

Colombia to the workers!

Not one step back, release or death!

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